

# 'UNCLE JOE' CANNON DIES, AGED 90

## Veteran Statesman Expires at Home, Smiling at Death

DANVILLE, ILL., Nov. 12 (By U. P.).—Joseph Gurney Cannon, America's "Uncle Joe," for half a century one of the nation's foremost statesmen, died here shortly after noon today.

Death came quietly, in contrast to the dynamic life of the man all America loved.

The only semblance to the gaunt, bustling, fighting ex-speaker of the House of Representatives was the strong, bearded face.

Cannon was racked by almost 91 years of strenuous life, and weakened by a year of almost continuous illness. But he summoned courage to smile just before the end.

As the news trickled through the city that Danville's first citizen had succumbed, all work stopped.

Down Vermillion Street to the Cannon home his fellow townspeople passed. Some walked, a few rode in limousines, but the majority piloted rather creaky automobiles—just plain American citizens who liked Uncle Joe because he was plain. It was the first of a tribute in which all the nation quickly joined.

Born in a poor family's home at Guilford Court House, N. C., May 7, 1836, Cannon moved with his family to Indiana when he was 4. At 14 he went to work in a store. He saved and studied law, and at 22 moved to Danville, where he lived until his death, except during sessions in Washington.

### First Office in 1862

Elected prosecuting attorney in 1862, he made a record by fighting "Copperheads" during the war. He married Mary P. Reed of Canfield, O., in 1862, and two daughters were born.

Elected to Congress in 1872, he served continuously, with the exception of two terms, for half a century.

Speaker of the House from 1903 to 1912, he earned the title, "Czar of the House." Under the old Reed rules the speaker was "the House," and Cannon made it obey his rule.

Cannon was "mentioned" for the presidency in nearly every convention for thirty years, but never came closer.

In 1923 Uncle Joe voluntarily laid down the burden, which had grown too heavy for him.

Political enemies mourned his going—personal enemies he had few.

The last few years of his life were spent in almost complete retirement.

## Hold Niece in Theft From Dead Priest

BOSTON, Nov. 12 (By U. P.).—Miss Catherine Doody, 30, manager of a heating company, has confessed to theft of \$75,000 from the estate of a dead priest.

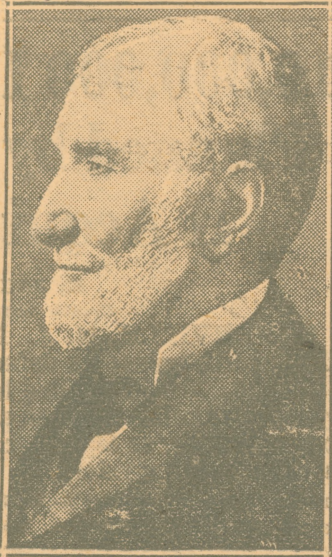
She was under \$1,000 bond today for hearing December 7, having pleaded guilty late yesterday to charges of conspiracy and larceny. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mulcahy of Worcester also were held.

Cut off in the will of her uncle, Rev. Michael J. Doody of Cambridge, Miss Doody is alleged to have forged the name of a trustee to a \$75,000 check, from which she received \$65,000 and the Mulcahys \$10,000.

### STRIKE GUARD

Sheriff Maudlin of Westchester county has issued orders for the emergency force of deputies to guard the properties of the Westchester Lighting Company, owing to a strike of employees of the corporation.

## Veteran Legislator



JOSEPH G. CANNON

## Lawyers Use Fists, Women Faint at Jailbreak Hearing

Flailing arms, hurling of the ugly word, and fainting of women, featured the arraignment of Oscar Amberg, 32, of 2620 Beverly Road, and Robert Werner, 24, of 512 Rockaway Ave., Brooklyn, charged with smuggling guns into the Tombs on November 3 that led to last Wednesday's break, when they were arraigned in Homicide Court before Magistrate Macreary today.

The battle started between Assistant District Attorney Pascacello and defense attorneys Barshay, Gittleston and Rathaus, when the state asked for an adjournment.

Said the assistant district attorney, "We want more time, as we are presenting this case to the grand jury today—"

"That's a lie!" came singly and collectively from the defense counsel.

Mrs. Amberg, aged mother of one of the defendants, fainted twice, Amberg's wife slumped in her seat, clutching her two young children, who shrieked their fear at the verbal melee which followed.

Assistant District Attorney Pascacello leaped into fighting position and declared Lawyer Gittleston had struck him. Two cops laid violent hands on the lawyer. He threw off the offending hands. Capt. Hillson, court officer, went to his assistance and in the scrimmage emerged with a fractured finger when order was restored after ten minutes.

## \$10,000 Pawnshop Bandits Gag Two

Jewelry valued at \$10,000 was taken by four young men who early today held up Isidore Weisenfeld's pawnshop at 859 8th Ave.

The youths entered, brandishing guns, and ordered Weisenfeld and his clerk, Benjamin Horowitz, to the rear, where they were bound and gagged. The bandits then ran sacked the showcases of the higher-priced jewels. Running out, they leaped into an auto and sped away. Weisenfeld and Horowitz were found and released by a customer.

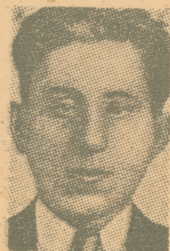
## CUP RACE PLANE RUINED BY FALL IN BAY, PILOT SAFE

NORFOLK, Nov. 12 (By U. P.).—The Curtiss-Packard plane which the American team was to use in the Schneider Cup race tomorrow was wrecked today when it nosed into the bay in making a landing near the naval air station.

## State Asks Death for Two Jail-Break Aid Suspects

Assistant District Attorney William P. Ryan of the Homicide Bureau today began presentation of evidence to the additional grand jury with a view toward first degree murder indictments against Oscar Amberg and Robert Werner in connection with the death of Warden Peter A. Mallon and Keeper Jeremiah Murphy, killed in the attempted Tombs prison jail break last Wednesday.

Amberg is a brother of Hyman Amberg, gunman killed in the jail-break. Arrested with Werner, the pair are alleged to have confessed that they threw the revolvers used in the shooting over the prison wall. Police, however, believe that the guns reached the prisoners through more direct channels.



Hyman Amberg

Witnesses to be examined today include Charles J. Norris, chief medical examiner; Assistant Examiner Gonzales, Inspector Arthur Carey and detectives.

The additional grand jury is being used due to the fact District Attorney Pecora is scheduled to go before the regular body Monday in an investigation of laxity and corruption among the prison personnel.

As a result of the jail-break de-

fendants appearing before Judge Rosalsky may not occupy the jury box while they talk with their lawyers, but must remain within the "cage."

## Many Hurt in Irish Riot; 9 in Hospital

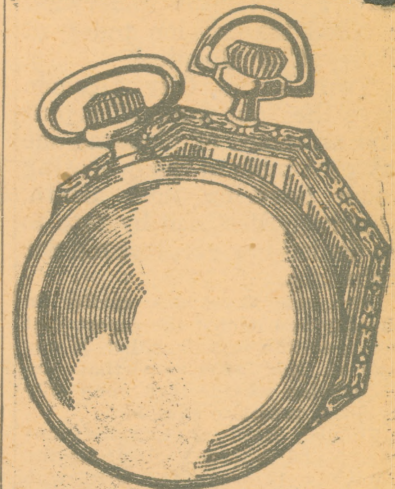
DUBLIN, Nov. 12 (By U. P.).—Nine persons were in a hospital here today recovering from injuries received in an Armistice Day street fight between Irish Republicans and Royalists. Many others were injured besides those taken to the hospital.

The fight, which occurred at the O'Connell Bridge, started when Republicans dragged a British flag across the college green immediately after the two-minute silence period. Royalists rebuked the Republicans and began singing "God Save the King," and the fight was on. Police charged the rioting factions.

## WEST POINT RECITAL

The first of the autumn series of three organ recitals in the chapel at West Point will take place Sunday, it was announced today by Frederick C. Mayer, organist of the academy.

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